

GRASSLAND RESERVE PROGRAM - TENNESSEE **(FINAL - FY 2003)**

RANKING CRITERIA - AGREEMENT OPTIONS

10-YEAR AGREEMENT, 15-YEAR AGREEMENT, 20-YEAR AGREEMENT

- OFFERED LAND MUST BE IN A 40 ACRE OR LARGER CONTIGUOUS BLOCK OF GRASS.
- CIRCLE ONLY ONE SCORE WITHIN EACH OF ITEM NUMBERS 1-9 (BOLD).
- PREDOMINANCE IS DEFINED AS MORE THAN 50%.

LANDOWNER _____ COUNTY _____ TRACT NO. _____ DATE _____

ITEM

SCORE

1. LENGTH OF RENTAL AGREEMENT

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| A. 20-YEAR AGREEMENT WITH PROOF OF ANOTHER AGREEMENT FOR CONTRACT
EXTENSION AFTER EXPIRATION DATE. | 10 |
| B. 20-YEAR AGREEMENT | 8 |
| C. 15-YEAR AGREEMENT WITH PROOF OF ANOTHER AGREEMENT FOR CONTRACT
EXTENSION AFTER EXPIRATION DATE. | 6 |
| D. 15-YEAR AGREEMENT | 4 |
| E. 10-YEAR AGREEMENT WITH PROOF OF ANOTHER AGREEMENT FOR CONTRACT
EXTENSION AFTER EXPIRATION DATE. | 3 |
| F. 10-YEAR AGREEMENT | 2 |

2. POTENTIAL RISK FOR OFFER TO BE DEVELOPED IN NEAR FUTURE

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| A. HIGH RISK AREA BASED ON DISTANCE TO ONE OR MORE OF THE FOLLOWING: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• subdivision or cluster development of at least 10 houses• subdivided farm with at least 10 parcels for sale• existing four lane highway (excluding the interstate system)• city limit or unincorporated town boundary• city sewer lines | |
| 1. WITHIN 0.5 MILE | 40 |
| 2. FROM 0.5 TO 2 MILES | 25 |
| 3. FROM 2 TO 5 MILES | 15 |
| B. MEDIUM RISK AREA BASED ON 1990-2000 POPULATION GROWTH >25%.
OFFER WITHIN: BLEDSOE, CHEATHAM, CUMBERLAND, HICKMAN, JEFFERSON,
JOHNSON, LOUDON, MACON, MAURY, MEIGS, MONROE, MONTGOMERY,
ROBERTSON, RUTHERFORD, SEQUATCHIE, SEVIER, SMITH, STEWART, SUMNER,
TIPTON, UNION, WILLIAMSON, WILSON. | 5 |
| C. LOW RISK AREAS INCLUDE ALL OTHER AREAS
(INCLUDE OFFERS WITH PREDOMINANTLY IIIW OR WETTER SOILS) | 0 |

3. POTENTIAL FOR OFFER TO BE CONVERTED TO CROPLAND

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| A. PREDOMINANCE OF OFFERED ACRES IN LAND CAPABILITY CLASS I OR II | 15 |
| B. PREDOMINANCE OF OFFERED ACRES IN LAND CAPABILITY CLASS III | 10 |
| C. PREDOMINANCE OF OFFERED ACRES IN CAPABILITY CLASS IV OR ABOVE | 0 |

ITEM (CONT.)SCORE**4. PLANT DIVERSITY (SPECIES MUST BE DOMINANT - >20% OF STAND)**

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| A. OFFERED ACRES PREDOMINANTLY NATIVE GRASS/FORB/SHRUB SPECIES
(NO MORE THAN 10% BY COVER MAY CONTAIN INTRODUCED GRASSES) | 5 |
| B. PREDOMINANTLY 3 OR MORE INTRODUCED GRASS SPECIES | 3 |
| C. PREDOMINANTLY 1-2 INTRODUCED GRASS SPECIES | 0 |

5. HABITAT DIVERSITY (SMALLER SIZE = HIGHER INTERSPERSION POTENTIAL)

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| A. AVG. CONTIGUOUS AREA IN OFFER 40-60 ACRES | 5 |
| B. AVG. CONTIGUOUS AREA IN OFFER 61-80 ACRES | 3 |
| C. AVG. CONTIGUOUS AREA IN OFFER >80 ACRES | 0 |

6. LOCATION SIGNIFICANCE (GRASSLAND PRIORITY AREAS)

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| A. OFFER IS <u>EXISTING NATIVE GRASSLAND</u> WITHIN ONE OF FOLLOWING AREAS: | 10 |
| • MIDDLE TN. BARRENS AREA (COFFEE, WARREN, CANNON, DEKALB,
MONTGOMERY, ROBERTSON, SUMNER) | |
| • MIDDLE TN. CENTRAL BASIN GLADES AND BARRENS (RUTHERFORD,
WILSON, DAVIDSON, MARSHALL, MAURY, GILES, LEWIS) | |
| • WEST TN. BARRENS (DECATUR, MCNAIRY, HARDEMAN, HENRY, PERRY, WAYNE) | |
| • RIDGE AND VALLEY BARRENS (ROANE, ANDERSON) | |
| B. OFFER IS <u>ANY GRASSLAND</u> AREA ADJACENT TO PROTECTED PUBLIC LANDS
(WRP EASEMENTS, WMAs, NWRs, STATE FORESTS, STATE PARKS, ETC.) | 5 |
| C. ALL OTHER AREAS | 0 |

7. GRAZING MANAGEMENT

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| A. OFFER IS UNDER PROPER DOMESTIC LIVESTOCK GRAZING SYSTEM:
(GRAZE HEIGHT ABOVE 3 INCHES, OR <75% OF CARRYING CAPACITY) | 10 |
| B. OFFER PREDOMINANTLY NATIVE GRASSES AND MANAGED FOR WILDLIFE. | 10 |
| C. OFFER CURRENTLY STOCKED AT 75%-100% OF CARRYING CAPACITY | 5 |
| D. OFFER CURRENTLY OVERGRAZED, UNGRAZED (IDLE), STOCKED AT >100%
OF CARRYING CAPACITY, OR IS BEING HAYED ONLY. | 0 |

8. OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE POTENTIAL

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| A. LOW OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE REQUIREMENTS EXPECTED.
Existing ponds and alternative livestock water sources instead of live streams (if grazed), AND
No significant sedimentation, contaminants expected to influence the site, AND
Site is outside of a floodplain (lower potential-woody invasion). | 2 |
| B. HIGH OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE REQUIREMENTS EXPECTED.
Livestock drinking water source includes live streams, OR
Site may be subject to sedimentation, contaminants from adjacent area, OR
Site is within a floodplain (higher potential-woody invasion). | 0 |

9. RESTORATION REQUIREMENTS

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| A. OFFER PREDOMINANTLY NATIVE GRASSES REQUIRING NO RESTORATION | 3 |
| B. OFFER PREDOMINANTLY INTRODUCED GRASSES REQUIRING NO RESTORATION | 1 |
| C. OFFER PREDOMINANTLY CONSISTS OF WOODY PLANT ENCROACHMENT,
EXOTIC OR NOXIOUS WEEDS, OR GULLIES AND BARE GROUND. | 0 |

(July 22, 2003)

TOTAL SCORE
